

Updates to the Healthy Relationships For Stronger Communities Strategy due to the Coronavirus Pandemic

The Healthy Relationships For Stronger Communities Strategy (2020-2023) was due to be launched in April 2020, following a period of public consultation.

However, given the current situation with the Coronavirus Pandemic this was delayed.

In the current climate and the concerns of Domestic Abuse increasing during and post lockdown, it is important that we continue to deliver on the strategy, prioritising the aspects we can effectively implement, whilst working towards the remaining actions in the longer term.

Outlined below are the aspects of the strategy that we will prioritise;

Objective 1 – Communications & Engagement

This objective will be prioritised and **all** actions can still be delivered on. The Communications and Engagement Group has been mobilised.

The Ask Angela Campaign will restart once licensed premises reopen.

As an immediate priority, the Communications & Engagement Group will launch a partnership campaign to encourage victims to come forward and seek support, as the current restrictions ease.

Objective 2 – Children & Young People

The Children and Young People Sub Group can be mobilised and will continue to deliver on the actions in Objective 2 of the strategy. However, the group will need to give careful consideration as to how we engage and deliver key messages in a safe but effective way.

We will work closely with the Youth Service and Education to deliver on these actions.

Crucial Crew will not be taking place this year in its usual format, but we will consider other ways to deliver key safety messages to this years primary school leavers.

Objective 5 – Training and Development

Aspects of the National Training Framework roll out will still continue via Welsh Government. The Ask and Act Steering Group has continued virtually and NPTCBC and SBU HB will continue to be represented on this group. At a local level NPTBC will continue with plans to commence Group 2 Training, but this may be delayed. SBU HB suspended all Ask and Act Group 2 & 3 training due to Covid-19, training will recommence in July as virtual training packages have been developed. IRIS (Identification and Referral to Improve Safety) was launched in February 2020 in Neath and Upper Valley clusters, implementation was suspended due to Covid-19 however, will recommence in July.

Objective 6 – Accessible Services

We will continue to work with Supporting People and our local providers to finalise plans around a new service model.

Objective 7 – Criminal Justice

We will continue to work closely with the Police, Courts and Probation to ensure we are still able to effectively support victims whilst current restrictions are in place.

